THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC PRINTING.

SHOWING

The condition of the Public Printing and Binding.

DECEMBER 12, 1861.—Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Office of the Superitendent of Public Printing,

Washington, December 11, 1861.

SIR: Herewith is submitted the ninth annual report of this office, showing the condition of the public printing, binding, &c., in order that it may be laid before the House.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. D. DEFREES,

Superintendent

Hon. G. A. Grow, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Office Superintendent of Public Printing,

Washington, December 11, 1861.

The ninth annual report, showing "the cost and condition of the public printing, binding, and engraving," as required by law, is herewith submitted.

The law of 1852 provided for the election of a printer for each house of Congress, and fixed the rates of compensation. It also authorized the Printing Committee of each house to contract for the execution of the engraving and

binding ordered by Congress.

This method was liable to so many objections other than those of a pecuniary character, as shown during its continuance, that Congress determined to make a change, and hence the joint resolution establishing a Government Printing Office, taking effect the 3d of last March, was adopted. Under its provisions an extensive printing establishment was purchased by my predecessor. This establishment has been under my charge since the 23d day of March last, and the result has been such as to vindicate the wisdom of Congress in making the change, as will be seen by the following details:

The printing and binding ordered by the 36th Congress being expressly excepted from the provisions of the joint resolution, the only portion of the printing of that Congress done in this establishment was that ordered by the House during the second session, (and a small portion remaining unfinished of the first session,) and that only in consequence of the resignation of the House printer. It will thus be seen that only a small amount, comparatively, of that work has been done in this establishment. The statement of its cost, however, compared with what it would have cost under the act of 1852, shows a saving of \$21,127 95 to the government. As compared with former prices paid for executive printing, there has been a saving of \$10,651 25; on blank books and ruling for the departments of \$8,084 60, and on the printing done for the extra session of the 37th Congress of \$3,628 66, making the whole amount saved from the 3d of March until the 31st of September, by the present mode, of \$43,492 46. As a large amount of work was done during the months of October and November, not included in the statements submitted, it is safe to say that a saving of at least \$60,000 has been effected up to the first of the present month.

As the law establishing the Government Printing Office made no change in the mode of having the engraving and lithographing ordered by Congress executed, this office has no other control over it than to see that it has been done according to the terms of the contracts made by the Printing Committees. It may be worth the consideration of Congress whether a saving may not also be effected in this branch of the public expenditures by directing it to be executed in the Government Printing Office.

* First session documents. The residue are for the second session.

The following statement shows the cost of so much of the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives as has been executed by the public printers since the last annual report from this office; together with the cost of paper, engravings and lithographs, binding, &c.

No of document.

Cost per copy.				\$3 00			311	000	Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign Sign	413		521	į	Ot	d	2,6	10	
Total cost.			\$1,892 23	10,054 12			4,689 79		29.7 62	416 60		3, 152 67		115 30		06 6	49 45	
Cost of binding re-				\$1,052 52		•			:			:		:		:		
Cost of binding extra				\$704 76			1,957 54		260 87			783 12						
. Cost of lithographs and engravings.				\$1,802 74						274 26		1,494 62					34 97	
Cost of paper.			\$1,190 11	3,036 57			1,665 57		167 93	67 28		403 67		26 95		3 10	88	
Cost of dry-pressing.			\$78 19	234 00			156 25		15 75			47 75		:		:		
Cost of composition, press-work, inserting maps and plates, &c.			\$624 00	3,223 53			903 36		148 10	75 06		423 51		58 38		08 9	10 57	
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No. of pages.			400	2,146			320		242	194		194		164		18	24	
Title or subject.	FOR THE SENATE.	Executive documents.	*Letter from the Commissioner of Patents, communicating certain Meteorological Observations. [Printed in part.] Quarto	Annual Message of the President to Congress, and accompanying documents. (in three volumes)	Annual Message of the President, with the Reports of the Heads	of Departments and Chiefs of Bureaus. [Part of Sen. Ex.	Doc. No. 1]	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. [Part of	Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.]	Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office. First edition. (Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.)	Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.	Second edition. [Part of Sen Ex. Doc. No. 1.]	Annual Report of the Postmaster General. [Part of Sen. Ex.	Doc. No. 1.]	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. [Part	of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.]	Annual Report of the Superintendent of Insane Asylum. [Part of Sen. Ex Doc. No. 1.]	1

Statement showing the cost of so much of the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives, &c.—Continued.

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Cost of binding re- served copies.					\$1,201 21	350 84	350 84	359 66		350 84	
Cost of binding extra					\$3,804 60	3,255 71	3,255 71	325 54	7,609 97	1,302 43	
Cost of lithographs and engravings.							\$18,963 68	2,299 44	17,833 72	10 00	
Cost of paper.	\$4 92	28.55	1 55	12 16	4,735 88	8,288 52	7,499 05	441 67 573 19	1,205 07	1,550 74	7 39
Cost of dry-pressing.					\$317 25	805 50	562 50	38 38	80 75	157 50	
Cost of composition, press-work, inserting maps and plates, &c.	\$10 59	6 05	9 48	139 65	3,149 68	3,518 04	2,053 11	542 98	809 608	739 94	90 2
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Title or subject.	Annual Report of the Warden of the Penitentiary. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.]	Annual Report of the Officers of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Asylum. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.].	eer in Chief. Part of Sen. Ex.	Annual Report of the Chief of Topographical Engineers. [Part of Sen. Ex. Doc. No. 1.]. Annual Report of the Secretary of State on Commercial Relations,		Manufactures, vol. 1	Manufactures, vol. 2	Canal near the Isthmus of Correspondence in relation to	Keport of the Pacific Railroad Explorations and Surveys, vol. 11, (quarto) Annual Report of the Secretary of the Tressury on the State of	the Finances All other Senate executive documents	Miscellaneous documents. List of Committees of the Senate.
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Report of the Commission to examine into the organization,	discipline, &c., of the Military Academy. Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian	Institution	All other Senate miseellaneous documents	Senate Committee Reports, (complete in one volume)	Bills and Joint Resolutions for the Senate	Senate Journal and Appendix	Treaties, &c., (confidential,) for the Senate	Miscellaneous printing for the Senate, viz: General orders, eiren- lars, blanks, &c	Total	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.	Executive documents.	Letter from the Commissioner of Patents, communicating certain	Meteorological Observations, (quarto.) [Printed in part] Annual Messue of the President to Congress, and accommencing		of the Heads of Departments and Chiese of Mureaus	Institution	Annual Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, vol 1. Annual Report of the Commissioner of Parents on Arts and	Manufactures, vol. 2.	Crimen, (quarte)	Crimea, (quarto)

Statement showing the cost of so much of the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives, &v.—Continued.

Cost per copy.	\$0 52 1	45 <u>1</u> 3 04 <u>3</u>	1 10		pril .	41 943			
Total cost.	\$391 86	7,217 72 4,724 39	1,704 33		105 95	3,017 59	270 48 1,011 23	1,192 33	186,325 60
Cost of binding re-		\$1,025 96	512 98			1,025 96			2,564 90
Cost of binding extra		\$2,007 97							34,087 81
Cost of lithographs		\$10 00	20 00						74,709 28
Cost of paper.	\$303 07	3,056 96	479 35		96 19	291 88 948 55	130 17	219 15	49,295 78
Cost of dry-pressing.		\$276 50							3, 724 75
Cost of composition, press-work, inserting maps and plates, &c.	\$88 79	1,866 29 2,387 73	695 00		43 97	213 00	140 31 502 98	973 18	21,943 08
No. of copies.	1,550	17,550	1,550		11,550	11,550	1,550		
No. of pages.	394	484	929		16	72	170		
Title or subject.	Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating the Estimates of Appropriations	the Finances	Miscellaneous documents for the House of Representatives	Reports of Committees.	Report of the Select Committee on the Franking Privilege	the Country	Reports of the Court of Claims for the House of Representatives., Bills and Jojut Resolutions for the House of Representatives	Miscellaneous printing for the House of Representatives—Calendar, General Orders, Circulars, &c	Total
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The following statement shows the cost of so much of the printing for the thirty-sixth Congress as has been executed in the Government Printing Office since its establishment on the fourth day of March, 1861, together with the cost of paper, engravings and lithographs, binding, &c.

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Total coast.				\$6,590 88			14,801 75	8,900 06	16 24		13 05		38 55	13 01	16 24	59,828 83
Cost of binding reserved				:		:	:	:					:			
Cost of binding extra copies.				\$5,281 48		8,452 57	4,714 98	3,255 71								18,674 74
Cost of lithographs and engravings.				:		15,941 83	6,366 79									21,608 62
Cost of paper.				\$3,131_17		4,134 49	2,602 91	4,159 44	7 61		6 15		15 75	5 41	7 61	14,070 47
Cost of composition, pressing, ing. inserting maps and plates, &c.				\$1,178 23		1,640 23	1,117 07	1,484 91	8 63		06 9		55 80	7 60	8 63	5,475 00
Zumber of copies.				3,000		11,000	6,900	25,000	1,550		1,550		3,000	3,000	1,550	
Number of pages.				1,074		380	432	504	10		80		16	œ	10	
Title or subject.	FOR THE SENATE.	Executive documents.	*Letter from the Commissioner of Patents, communicating certain Me-	teorological Observations, (quarto.) [Printed in part.]	*Report on the Exploration of the River Colorado of the West, by Lieu-	tenant J. C. Ives, Topographical Engineers, (quarto.)	Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, (quarto)	Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Agriculture, for 1860	(Special session.) Inaugural Address of the President of the United States	(Special session.) Communications from Major Steen and Lientenant	McMullin, relative to the movement of troops to the Pacific	Miscellaneous documents.	(Special session.) The Morrill Tariff Bill	(Special session.) An act to promote the Useful Arts, &c	(Special session) All other miseellaneous documents for the Senate	Total

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* First session documents. The residue are for the second session.

Statement showing the cost of so much of the printing for the thirty-sixth Congress, &c.—Continued.

Cost per copy.			\$3 61 <u>1</u>	3 063	2 254	364	391	5 963			31	11	$30\frac{1}{2}$	2 863
Total cost.			\$5,604 79	4,756 03	14,776 73	77,739 32	1,402 21	9,244 95	545 93		6,220 99	722 72	3,242 46	4,443 74
Cost of binding reserved			\$1,309 94	1,309 94	1,309 94	512 98		3,590 86				:		1,025 96
Cost of binding extra copies.				:	\$2,180 42	26,924 66	250 58				2,594 61		1,252 43	
Cost of lithographs and en- gravings,				2,143 94	6,576 38	450 00		45 52				:		
Cost of paper.			\$1,617 75	592 50	2,750 00	36, 323 53	441 16	2,127 54	232 78		2, 429 75	427 95	1,002 32	1,601 82
Cost of composition, pressing, inde- ing, insering maps and plates, &c.			\$2,677 10	709 65	1,959 99	13,538 15	710 47	3,481 03	313 15		1,286 63	294 77	17 786	1,815 96
Number of copies.			1,550	1,550	6,550	215,000	3,550	1,550	1,550		20,000	6,550	10,000	1,550
Aumber of pages.			1,074	380	433	504	312	2,604	288		368	178	408	2,066
Title or subject.	FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.	Executive documents.	*Letter from the Commissioner of Patents, communicating certain Meteorological Observations, (quarto.) [Printed in part.]*Report on the Exploration of the River Colorado of the West, by Lieu-	tenant J. C. Ives, Togographieal Engineers, (quarto.)	An	Report of the Commissioner of Patents on Agriculture, for 1860		Al other House executive documents, (in seven volumes)	Miscellaneous documents for the House of Representatives	Reports of Committees.	Report of the Select Committee on the Abstracted Indian Bonds			valuer commune reports for the House of Kepresentanves, (in two volumes)
No. of documents.			55		14	48					78		29	

Reports of the Court of Claims for the House of Representatives, (in three	_					_	_		
volumes)	1,738		1,550 1,582 08	1,316 30		:		1,538 94 4,437 32 2 864	±98 €
Journal of the House of Representatives	584	1,676	587 23	440 23			577 30	577 30 1,604 75	951
Bills and Joint Resolutions for the House of Representatives	106	290	54 99	52 40				107 39	
Total			16 886 66	51,356 02	29,988 91 51,356 09 9,215 84 33,112 70 11,175 86 134,849 33	33,112 70	11,175 86	134,849 33	

* First session documents. The residue are for the second session.

RECAPITULATION.

-	Senate, House of Representatives.	., \$28,529 80 \$55,656 74	48,829 65 100,651 80	64,322 05 83,925 12	47,958 28 80,941 27	189,639 78 321,174 93 321,174 93	510,814 71
		Cost of printing, dry-pressing, and folding	Cost of paper	Cost of engravings and lithographs.	Cost of binding reserved and extra copies		Total cost of printing, binding, &c

By the foregoing statements, it will be seen that the printing, paper, engraving, and binding, ordered by Congress at the second session of the 36th Congress, (including the Meteorological and Colorado reports which were ordered at the first session, but not printed,) amounts to the sum of \$510,814 71. The portion of this printing relinquished by the House printer, as heretofore stated, and executed in the Government Office, if charged at the prices established by the printing act of 1852, would have cost the sum of. The amount drawn from the treasury to the 31st day of October, 1861, to pay for labor and materials in the execution of this work, is. \$40,100 00 From which deduct cash on hand. 4,636 09	\$56,591 86
Making the total cost	35,463 91
And effecting a saving of about $37\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or	21,127 95

FIRST SESSION THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

The printing ordered at the late session of Congress has been completed, and the binding is nearly so: all of which has been, or is to be, executed by this office. The following statement shows the cost of paper, printing, dry-pressing, and folding, and the estimated cost of binding, viz:

	Senate.		Ho. of Rep	s.
Cost of printing, dry-pressing, and folding Cost of paper Cost of binding reserved and extra copies	\$1,605 1,307 731	62	\$6, 456 7, 746 4, 188	55
	3, 644 18, 391		18, 391	99
Total cost of printing and binding	22, 036	82		

Had the printing, dry-pressing, and folding, been ex		#11 200 10
the provisions of the printing act of 1852, it would	have cost	\$11,690 48
The amount drawn from the treasury to pay for labor and materials is	\$9,500 00	
	1, 236 89	
Indebtedness on account of this printing	2, 687 01	
Add balance due the Superintendent	2,007 01	
From which deduct the cost of materials purchased	13, 423 90	
and on hand	5,362 08	
And the net cost amounts to	,	8,061 82
Effecting a saving of about 31 per cent., or		3, 628 66

In the foregoing statement the estimated saving in the cost of binding is put down at fifteen per cent., and will probably exceed that amount.

ENGRAVING, LITHOGRAPHING, AND ELECTROTYPING.

This class of work, for Congress, is placed by law under the control of the Committee on Printing of each house respectively, and has been executed under contracts made by those committees. The following statement will show the cost of the illustrations for the public documents executed during the present year, exclusive of the cost of paper; all of which were ordered at the second session of the 36th Congress, except those for the report of Lieutenant Ives on the exploration of the River Colorado of the West:

Statement showing the cost of the illustrations of the public documents.

For what documents.	Names of contractors.	Kind of work.	Senate.	House.	Aggregate.
Maps in the President's message and documents	Julius Bien	Engraving and lithographing	\$1,312 00		\$1,312 00
Maps in the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office	ф	Lithographing	883 97		883 97
Maps for Lieutenant Michler's report, survey for ship canal	ор	Engraving and lithographing	1,889 00		1,889 00
Maps for Lieutenant Mullan's report	do	орор		\$40 00	40 00
Maps for the Coast Survey report, 1860,	A. Howen & Co	Engraving	175 00		175 00
Do do Lithographing and printing	ф	Lithographing and printing	3,217 18	3,399 22	6,616 40
Wood cut for the Coast Survey report, 1860	Van Ingen & Snyder	Engraving		10 00	10 00
Wood euts for report of Superintendent of Public Printing do do	фо	do	:	20 00	20 00
Wood euls for report on rifled eannon do.	ор	фо	:	20 00	20 00
Wood cuts for Colonel Delafield's report—Grimean war.	do	op		15 00	15 00
Wood cuts for the report of the Commissioner of Patents on Agriculture, 1860	do	Engraving and electrotyping		450 00	450 00
*Geological maps for Lieutenant Ives's report-Colorado expedition	John Cassin	Printing and coloring	275 00		275 00
*Wood cuts for Licutenant Ives's report-Colorado expedition	Riehard Major	Engraving and electrotyping	2,686 70		2,686 70
*Maps and plates for Licutenant Ives's report—Colorado expedition	do	Engraving and lithographing	10,000 00	1,787 60	11,787 60
Maps for the eleventh volume of the Paeifie Railroad surveys John Cassin	John Cassin	Lithographing	11,000 00		11,000 00
Maps and plates for Major Mordecai's report—Crimean war. B. R. Jewett	E. R. Jewett	ор		5,375 73	5,375 73
Maps and plates for Colonel Delafield's report—Crimean war dododo	ор	ор		28,673 81	28,673 81
Illustrations for the Report of Commissioner of Patents on Arts and Manufactures, 1860do Engraving and electrotyping	ор	Engraving and electrotyping	18,963 68	28, 434 53	47,398 21.
			50, 402 53	68,255 89	118,658 42

* This document was ordered to be printed 1st session 35th Congress.

PRINTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.

The last annual report from this office gave a statement of the cost of the paper and printing for the executive departments of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1860. This class of work was continued in the hands of the printer to the Senate, where it had been placed by my predecessor, until the 3d of March last, a period of eight months. The following statement shows the cost for paper and printing during that time viz:

Department.	Cost of print	ing.	Cost of pap	er.	Total cost.	
State Department	\$354	86	\$289	68	\$644.5	54
Treasury Department	2,367		1, 455		3,822 7	
Interior Department	4,708		1, 149		5,857 4	
War Department	3, 434	45	2, 207	69	5,642 1	4
Navy Department	2, 193	62	1,655		3,849 2	29
Post Office Department	1,330	53	1, 283	36	2,613 8	39
Office of the President United						
States	22	60	9	60	32 2	
Office of the Attorney General.	41	56		60	50 1	
Office of the Court of Claims	1, 141	11	29	35	1, 170 4	16
Office of the Superintendent						
of Public Printing	15	92	4	86	20 7	18
Statement of Commerce and						
_ Navigation	3, 503		4,708		8, 212 1	
Estimates of appropriations	439	34	57	35	496 6	39
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Total	19, 553	19	12,859	34	32, 412 5	3

Since the 3d of March last this class of printing has been executed by this office, and has been very largely increased by the requirements of the War Department for printing in consequence of the rebellion. The following statement embraces all the printing ordered from the 3d of March to the 30th of September, 1861, a period of seven months, with its actual cost, compared with the cost of the same printing at the prices established by the act of 1852:

Department, &c.	Cost of printing under the act of 1852.	Actual cost.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
State Department	\$361 75	\$242 37	\$74.86	\$317 23
Treasury Department	5,289 23	3,543 79	2,548 93	6,092 72
Interior Department	3,879 15	2,599 04	1,136 12	3,735 16
War Department	15,393 33	10,313 53	10,350 49	20,664 02
Navy Department	5,261 88	3,540 45	3,069 34	6,609 79
Post Office Department	1,785 82	1,196 50	1,172 58	2,369 08
Office of President of United States	33 45	22 41	9 56	31 97
Office of Attorney General	20 10	13 47	6 36	19 83
Office of Court of Claims	219 40	147 00	4 40	151 40
Office of Superintendent of Public Printing	77 57	51 87	29 70	81 57
	32,321 68	21,670 43	18,402 34	40,072 77

From the foregoing statement it will be perceived that the printing for the executive departments, for the period of seven months, if paid for at the prices established by the printing act of 1852,		
would have cost the sum of	.,	
Effecting a saving of	10,651	25

BLANKS FOR THE POST OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES.

In accordance with the fifth section of the act approved February 15, 1860, the printing of these blanks was given out by contract, for four years, commencing on the 1st of April, 1860. The following statement shows their monthly cost for the year ending September 30, 1861:

Months.	Cost of printing.	Cost of paper.	Total cost.
1860—October	\$904 14	\$4,233 91	\$5, 138 05
November	756 86	3, 528 68	4,285 54
December	810 50	3, 873 18	4, 683 68
1861—January	834 60	3, 110 38	3, 944 98
February	722 43	2,847 08	3, 569 51
March	712 15	2,607 34	3, 319 49
April	833 37	3, 926 25	4,759 62
May	1,650 19	6, 766 15	8, 416 34
June	968 66	3, 497 65	4, 466 31
July	1, 127 11	4, 198 70	5, 325 81
August	947 10	3, 146 65	4,093 75
September	756 11	2,913 56	3, 669 67
Total	11, 023 22	44, 649 53	55, 672 75

The average monthly cost of these blanks for the year has been about the same as for the previous six months, and shows a very large saving on the prices previously paid.

THE PUBLIC BINDING.

The binding of the reserved and extra documents ordered by the Senate and House of Representatives during the 36th Congress was given out by contract previously to the passage of the "joint resolution in relation to the public printing;" and, therefore, none of it has been executed in the government bindery. The cost of this work for the second session of that Congress, when completed, (the details of which are elsewhere embraced in this report,) will be as follows:

Reserved binding for the Senate		\$47.958 28
Reserved binding for the House. Extradodo	13,740 76	80,941 27
Total		128,899 55

The public documents ordered to be printed at the first session of the 37th Congress, being inconsiderable in number, are to be bound in this establishment, and their cost is estimated at fifteen per cent. less than the prices paid, under

contract, by the 36th Congress.

Therefore, the only work executed in this establishment for the government has been the making of blank books, binding, machine ruling, &c., for the executive departments since the 3d day of March last. The following statement exhibits the cost of the work executed for the eight months ending on the 31st day of October, 1861, compared with the cost heretofore paid for work of similar character, showing a saving on the small quantity of work executed of \$8,084 01, or about one thousand dollars per month:

Department and bureau.	Cost at former prices.	Amount charged and paid.
Department of State	\$1,321 87	\$1,123 61
Treasury Department—		
Secretary's office	560 90	476 78
Comptroller's office	7 25	6 16
Second Auditor's office	519 95	441 97
Third Auditor's office	15 85	13 48
Fourth Auditor's office	141 20	120 02
Fifth Auditor's office	82 00	69 71
Sixth Auditor's office	1,001 55	851 32
Register's office	1, 314 32	1, 121 72
Construction office	16 00	13 60
Coast Survey office	419 99	357 00
Office of the Light-house Board	578 54	491 77
Interior Department—	222 12	242.00
Secretary's office	369 43	313 38
Census Office	175 90	149 52
General Land Office	2, 301 69	1, 954 73
Patent Office	169 30	143 90
Patent Office library	37 01	31 46
Patent Office—Agricultural division.	144 56	122 88
Indian Office	28 30	24 06
Pension Office	174 99	148 75
Document room	105 80	89 93
Commissioner Public Buildings War Department—	28 81	24 49
Secretary's office	01.00	00 71
Adjutant General's office	94 99 9,865 57	80 74 8, 385 83
Quartermaster General's office	2,699 96	
Subsistence office		2, 294 97
Paymaster General's office	1, 197 89 142 87	1,030 96 121 44
Surgeon General's office	243 25	206 77
Bureau Topographical Engineers	68 50	58 23
Ordnance office	574 97	488 72
Navy Department—	014 91	400 12
Secretary's office	332 78	283 87
Bureau of Yards and Docks	16 90	14 37
Bureau of Construction, Equipment,	10 00	14 01
and Repair	74 00	62 90

Statement—Continued.

Department and bureau.	Cost at former prices.	Amount charged and paid.
Navy Department—Continued. Bureau of Provisions and Clothing. Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography. Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Post Office Department. Office of the Superintendent Public Printing. Senate of the United States House of Representatives.	\$3, 317 16 152 25 52 75 659 19 201 89 118 29 83 50	\$2,819 59 129 41 44 84 560 32 171 61 100 55 70 98
To which add as follows: Amount due and unpaid for work executed and returned Estimated value of work in an unfinished state.	29, 411 92 7, 591 74 8, 166 00	25, 016 34 6, 455 28 6, 941 10
Amount saved on the work above stated	45, 169 66 38, 412 72 6, 756 94	38, 412 72
From the foregoing statement it appears the government on the work therein mentione the prices heretofore paid for work of a sin To which should be added the amount pai machinery on hand, which were purchased of binding, as follows: Cost of materials unused	at the saving to add, as compared whilar character, is. d for materials a lout of the process\$4,348	ith \$6,756 94 and eds 40
From which deduct the indebtedness of the l	oindery	12, 861 84 4, 777 83
Making the aggregate amount saved to gover	nment	8,084 01

PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING, BINDING, AND ENGRAVING.

The following statement exhibits the quantity and cost of the paper purchased for the public printing, binding, and engraving for the year ending December 1, 1861, and is communicated in obedience to the requirements of the ninth section of the joint resolution of June 23, 1860, viz:

Statement exhibiting cost and quality of paper.

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Quantities and kinds of paper.	Weight per ream.	Cost per ream.	Cost.	Total.
PRINTING PAPER. 22,497 reams, 24 by 38 inches 3,000dododo 10,238dododo 300do 24 by 32 inches WRITING PAPER.	Lbs. 45 50 56 48	\$4 92.3 6 50 7 24.64 6 24	\$110,752 73 19,500 00 74,188 64 1,872 00	\$206, 313 37
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$85\frac{18}{20}$ reams, 19 by 24 inches $21\frac{9}{20}$ do 20 by 24 do H. Mis. Doc. 18		9 50 10 07	816 05 216 00	

Statement exhibiting cost and quality of paper—Continued.

Quantities and kinds of paper.	Weight per ream.	Cost per ream.	Cost.	Total.
368 % reams, 19 by 24 inches 42 18 do 24 by 32 do Map paper. 140,042 pounds of various sizes, at 17 % cents	Lbs. 60 84	\$11 40 15 96	\$4, 200 33 684 68 24, 157 24	\$30,074 30
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NUMBER OF HANDS EMPLOYED.

It is declared by the second section of the joint resolution of June 23, 1860, "that the Superintendent shall at no time employ more hands in the public printing and binding establishment than the absolute necessities of the public work may require; and, further, that the Superintendent report to Congress, at the beginning of each session of Congress, the number of hands so employed, and the length of time each has been employed."

No larger force has been or will be employed in this branch of the public service than its wants absolutely demand, and none are employed except such as are competent to the discharge of the duties required of them. The following statement is given in compliance with the last clause of resolution above quoted,

and is made up to the 31st day of October, 1861:

Statement of persons employed in the public printing up to October 31, 1861.

Remarks.	Salary, \$1,800 per annum. Including \$7 68 for extra work. Including \$9 72 for extra work. Including \$9 72 for extra work. Including \$9 62 for extra work. Including \$1 92 for extra work.
Aggregate amount.	\$1, 189 63 58 33 41 67 70 83 41 67 70 85 762 50 676 67 697 68 748 74 561 72 561 72 563 59 563 59 563 59 564 89 429 92 301 25 557 97 461 89 402 59 330 67 227 25 349 92
Time employed.	Days. hours. 242 0 144 0 10 0 10 0 183 0 203 0 203 0 204 0 208 0 184 0 165 5 201 0 6 0 112 2½ 110 2½ 112 2½ 124 0 124 0 130 5 73 5
Pay per day.	4 4 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
Names.	James English John Iarcombe P. L. Rodier John McLeod James King T. S. De Vaughan E. M. Spedden M. T. Lincoln John McLeod E. J. Burnham William Franklin G. C. Forbes J. C. Franzoni John McLeod George Gordon Glarles D. Parsons Joseph Blackie David Reeves Robert Taylor T. F. Maher W. S. Scott Joseph Johnson Oliver Reed John Mctcalf John Mctcalf

Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &c.—Continued.

Remarks.	Including \$17 34 for extra work. Including \$1 28 for extra work. Including \$9 18 for extra work. Including \$7 80 for extra work. Including \$6 86 for extra work. Including \$6 88 for extra work. Including \$2 86 for extra work. Including \$3 96 for extra work. Including \$3 96 for extra work. Including \$1 65 for extra work. Including \$1 86 for extra work. Including \$1 86 for extra work. Including \$1 96 for extra work.
Aggregate amount.	\$41 33 122 67 488 75 512 34 423 75 493 78 454 37 126 50 405 43 520 05 483 55 520 05 449 14 494 65 477 89 380 53 449 14 498 56 88 25 6 88 390 53 477 89 88 477 89 88 477 89 88 477 89 88 477 89
Time employed.	Days. hours. 15 5 46 0 195 5 195 5 198 0 181 7½ 190 3 205 3½ 182 0 183 0 183 0 184 5 195 4 195 6 195 6 195 6 195 6 195 7 195 6 195 7 195 6 195 7 195
Pay per day.	
Names,	J. S. Jones. O. C. Fisher J. W. Harrison. William Robinson. E. N. Gray. Madison Davis W. D. Fowler W. J. Frizzell Rollin Defrees. A. C. Shaw. W. S. Brooks. F. J. Waters George Cochran C. W. S. Miles. G. A. R. McNeir G. W. Hall W. S. Miles. G. W. Hall F. R. Reading. Robert Penman W. H. Towers E. R. Spurr. J. D. Chedal W. L. Jones James Jack. O. C. Ketcham

Including 80 cents for extra work, Including \$6 04 for extra work,	Including \$2 08 for extra work. Including \$18 12 for extra work.	Including 64 cents for extra work. Including \$24 50 for extra work.	Including \$3 for extra work.	Including \$3 for extra work. Including \$3 48 for extra work.		Including 96 cents for extra work. Including \$3 76 for extra work.	0	Including \$2 93 for extra work, Including \$2 24 for extra work, Including \$1 12 for extra work,
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Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &r.-Continued.

Remarks.					\$1	\$3 12	72 for		Including \$5 88 for extra work.		Including \$5 40 for extra work.				Including 80 cents for extra work.)		Including \$1 49 for extra work.	90	98	(S)	98	Including \$2 56 for extra work.	Including 48 cents for extra work.	Including \$3 89 for extra work.	Including 80 cents for extra work.
Aggregate amount.	\$64 17	70 00	65 33	20 00	365 92			71 17		68 83	390 28				334 47	63 00		345 66			346 97				337 55	
Time employed.	Days. hours. 27 5	30 0	28 0	30 0	156 0	$117 2\frac{1}{2}$	151 7½	30 5	167 0	29 5	164 93				143 0								125 81			114 6
Pay per day.					2 33																					
Names.	F. Pitman	S. McElwee, jr	L. F. Clements	R. P. Luckett	C. W. Robinson	J. Auge	G. H. Randall	B. Milburn	T. Harper	W. F. Farish	H. H. B. Arnold	C. Klopfer	Joseph Crandell	C. T. Allen	John Campbell	C. J. Canfield	R. W. Claxton	James Charles	H. L. Davison.	Josiah Melvin	E. R. Brown	J. Hurley	Aug. Rodgers	Joseph Rogers	E. Mac Murray	J. K. Shoemaker

Including \$3 52 for extra work.		Including \$2 80 for extra work.							Including \$3 09 for extra work.		Including 96 cents for extra work.)									Including \$1 20 for extra work.		Including \$5 20 for extra work.			Including \$4 for extra work.	Including \$1 20 for extra work.	Including \$1 20 for extra work.		Including \$5 40 for extra work.	_
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J. B. Towers. J. B. Cranelle	J. J. Williamson	J. F. Crow	W. C. Shay	Charles Eve	M. A. Haffee.	F. A. Goodnough	John Bowen	L. R. Fechtig	John Davies	S. H. Mathers.	A. L. Settle	H. F. Barnard	J. W. Connell	J. Melson.	A. R. Bennett	J. D. Burt.	Richard Kelly	Charles Shaffer	J. T. Whittaker	James McKenney	Jacob McHanney	L. A. Iardella	Ephraim Dorsey	James Cole	J. F. Larcombe	Edward Malone	Lot Cullinan	Dennis McNamara	George Dice	Timothy Malone	Patrick Bolton

Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &c.—Continued.

Remarks.			Including \$1 20 for extra work.)											1	33	33	Including \$3 37 for extra work.	₽4	Including \$3 37 for extra work.			Including \$1 12 for extra work.	Including 75 cents for extra work.)	Including 75 cents for extra work.	Including 75 cents for extra work.
Aggregate amount.		\$100 67	239 87	311 14	212 33	81 00	40 00	173 33	35 83	173 33			153 33	5 83	116 20			175 87			30 83	13 33	164 45	129 92	31 67	167 83	163 46
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Names.		B. F. Larcombe	John Schofield	John Bush	George Slim.	Franklin Chew	W. W. Maloney	Charles Sheer	C. M. Towers	D. Harbaugh	William Baum	S. A. Davis	Jesse Rose	James H. Bush	Hugh McLeod	R. A. Porter	Sarah Meredith	Jennie Germon	Annie Mitchell	Martha Cook	Rebecca Myers	Eliza Scott.	Hannah Miles	Emma Moreland	Johanna Brady	Annie Suddeth	Kate Cavanaugh

Including 75 cents for extra work. Including 75 cents for extra work. Including 37 cents for extra work. Including 75 cents for extra work.	Including 75 cents for extra work. Including \$2 94 for extra work. Including 75 cents for extra work. Including 75 cents for extra work. Including 75 cents for extra work. Including \$3 for extra work. Including \$7 cents for extra work. Including \$75 cents for extra work. Including \$75 cents for extra work. Including \$75 cents for extra work.	_
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Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &c.—Continued.

Remarks.	Including 75 cents for extra work. Including 37 cents for extra work. Including 37 cents for extra work. Including 37 cents for extra work.
Aggregate amount.	\$17 33 24 08 59 75 111 33 61 75 1 33 50 67 94 75 52 08 25 08 25 08 25 08 126 67 108 67 108 67 107 67 52 33 96 67 96 67 96 67 96 67 96 67
Time employed.	Days. hours. 26 0 88 5 0 88 5 167 0 91 5 2 0 76 0 141 0 57 0 1109 5 109
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Names.	C. J. DeVaughan James Edmonston Joseph Thomas Thomas Bennett Frederick Hall William Heatley Samuel Hurley John Taylor Joseph Crown Joseph Goodrich M. Rhyon William Bush J. H. Becker J. S. Clayton J. F. Fennell E. Campbell W. H. May Joseph Ratcliff George Lewis J. R. Sommers G. J. DeVaughan Charles Wall.

Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &c.—Continued.

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Aggregate amount.	\$204 23 155 87 189 06 219 73 167 92 45 54 145 77 155 27 156 26 187 80 75 80 75 80 75 80 107 79 112 66 103 77 113 66 103 77 118 64 81 63 71 42 65 88
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Statement of persons employed in the public printing, &c.—Continued.

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Persons employed in the public binding.

Remarks.	Salary \$1,500 per annum.		Including \$3 for extra work.				\$36	\$36	Including \$35 59 for extra work.	Including \$37 54 for extra work.									•	Including 75 cents for extra work.					
Aggregate amount.	\$921 56	427 50	431 12	378 75	383 75	258 75	419 46	358 47	361 84	191 29	10 00	61 25	168 75	97 50	8 75	198 75	275 33	344 17	318 50	300 58	121 33		30 33		4 67
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Names.	George P. Goff.	S. T. Crawford	Thomas Childs	Henry Chase	Godfrey Rosewag	Theodore Walmslev	J. W. White	G. H. Bodensick	F. D. Chase	Thomas Sparks	G. W. Brown	J. W. Glover	W. L. Dowden	J. S. Kane.	John Espey.	J. F. Behler	William Hayes	J. J. Byrnes	J. F. Blakeney	F. A. Manning	J. F. Behler	M. B. Gordon	Henry Chase.	A. H. Meryweather	G. H. Bodensick

							Including \$2 50 for extra work.	,				Including \$12 37 for extra work.	Including \$4 81 for extra work.		Including \$12 68 for extra work.	Including \$13 06 for extra work.	Including \$8 37 for extra work.					,	
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DESTRUCTION OF PRINTED DOCUMENTS BY FIRE.

Since the preparation of the statistical portion of this report, the building occupied by the public binders was destroyed by fire, with nearly the whole edition of the second volume of the Mechanical Patent Office Report for 1860, nearly six hundred copies of the first volume, and a small number of other works of no considerable value.

The orders of the Senate and House of Representatives for the printing of these reports having been executed, and the printed volumes having passed into the hands of the binders, and beyond the custody and control of this office, I have thought proper to submit to Congress the question of reprinting them. It appears that, of the first volume of the Patent Office Report, five hundred and sixty-six copies were destroyed; twenty-three of which belonged to the Senate, and five hundred and forty-three to the House of Representatives. Of the second volume, (the plates,) fifty-three thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine were destroyed; fourteen thousand five hundred and fifteen belonging to the Senate, and thirty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-four to the House. The plates from which the second volume was printed belong to the government, and if it is deemed proper by Congress to reprint a sufficient number of copies to complete the edition of the report, the order to do so can be executed in this office at a cost of about sixteen thousand dollars.

It may be proper to state that I have made no investigation into the origin of the fire, or of the safety or suitability of the building in which the public binding was executed, though I learn that it had been used as a bindery for several years. The contractors were selected by the Committees on Printing of the two houses of Congress, respectively; and the only duty required of the Superintendent, in connexion with the binding, is to see that the work is done in the manner stated in the contracts, and to receive it from the binders when executed.

JNO. D. DEFREES, Superintendent.



